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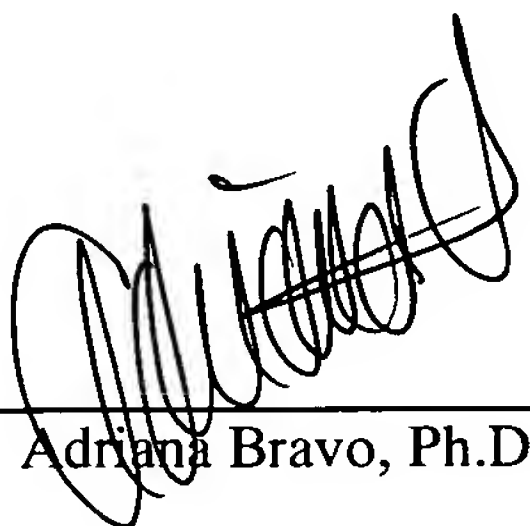
Sir:

I, the undersigned, Adriana Bravo, Ph.D., declare and state as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter of U.S. Application No. 10/055,430, filed January 25, 2002 ("the '430 application"), which is referenced above.
2. I hold the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae, accurately listing my scientific credentials and work experience, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. I am also Corporate Manager of Chemistry at Cerveceria Polar, C.A., the assignee of the present application.
4. I am also named as an inventor in published European Patent Application No. EP 0 773 285 A2, which was published May 14, 1997.
5. I have read and understood the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the '430 application on December 29, 2005.

6. Prior to May 14, 1997, I or others working under my supervision had reduced to practice the invention that is presently claimed in the '430 application.
7. As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issue thereupon.

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